

William Lewis and his brother-in-law, A.W. Casad of Trenton, New Jersey located Lewis' farm at the location where the city now stands. A few years later, in 1825, the first church congregated with others soon to follow.

In 1853 the area found itself in need of a Post Office, which was given the name of Trenton. On May 14, 1855, Trenton, Illinois was established. Less than a year later, on February 16, 1856, the Village of Trenton was chartered with Joseph Hanke as the first mayor. A little over 30 years later, on September 20, 1887, Trenton was incorporated as a city.

In 1955, the year of its centennial, with a population of 1,400, the City of Trenton was given the nickname, the "Friendly City", and went on, in 2003, to receive the Governor's Hometown Award.

Today, the City of Trenton has grown to a city of 2,700 citizens under the current mayor, Robert Louis Koentz.

Here's to the City of Trenton and all who reside there.

#### HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

##### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 40th year of existence of the Grace Baptist Church of Alpine, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the anniversary on May 29, 2004, with a special service.

Grace Baptist Church has grown from its original 25 members to more than 100 members today. The church serves the community through weekly jail ministries, bimonthly nursing home services in Livingston, Tennessee, and Saturday youth activities. Grace Baptist Church devotionals are also heard daily on the local radio station in Livingston.

Grace Baptist Church supports missionaries every month, and members have taken mission trips to Yucatan, Mexico, and Laredo, Texas, to visit the missions they've supported. In fact, Pastor John Copeland has been to Laredo three times. "It's amazing how God can turn lives around," Pastor Copeland has said.

Overton County is a better place because of the work of Grace Baptist Church and its congregation. I am sure the church will continue to make a positive difference in the community for the next 40 years, as well. I congratulate the congregation and Pastor Copeland for all the good they have done. I also want to recognize one of the founding members of Grace Baptist Church, Bruce Ledford, who currently serves as a deacon there. Congratulations to you, too, Bruce for 40 years of service.

#### HONORING THE 30TH ANNUAL CAPITAL PRIDE FESTIVAL

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 30th Annual Capital Pride Festival,

a celebration of the National Capital Area's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender, GLBT communities, their families and friends.

The Capital Pride Festival has grown from a small block party in 1975 to the current week long celebration. This year Capital Pride culminates with the Pride Parade on June 12th and a street fair on Pennsylvania Avenue in the shadow of the Capitol.

I have marched in the Pride parades since coming to Congress to emphasize the universality of human rights and the importance of enacting federal legislation to secure those rights for the GLBT community. Each year the Parade stops for a moment of silence to remember those who have died in the preceding year. That quiet will be particularly poignant as will remember local two women, who, in confronting injustice, were never silent: Wanda Alston and my frequent marching and running companion, Sister Maria, O.W., the Blue Nun.

This year's theme of "Honor Our Past, Fight for Our Future" holds special meaning for the citizens of the District of Columbia and its GLBT community in particular. Eleven years ago the District of Columbia lost the first vote it ever won on the floor of the House of Representatives, the delegate vote in the Committee of the Whole. The Republicans retracted the District's vote when they assumed control of the House. Our city of nearly 600,000 residents, who pay more taxes per capita than 49 of the 50 states, remains the only jurisdiction in the United States subject to Taxation Without Representation. Our Nation's Capital is entitled to that vote on the House floor now and to our birthright as American Citizens of full voting representation in Congress.

The joy of the Capital Pride Festival contrasts with the unhappy lot of GLBT soldiers who volunteer to protect our country with their lives, but must serve in silence and without the open support of their chosen families and communities, neither asking nor telling. The Armed Forces' homophobic policies, especially as they apply them to their own speakers of critical languages cannot continue to compromise our national security. Congress must pass The Military Readiness Enhancement Act of 2005 this session.

#### IN HONOR OF ST. ADALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

##### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Adalbert Roman Catholic Church, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. To begin the year-long celebration, the parish will hold its opening ceremony event on May 21, 2005, in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Founded in 1905, St. Adalbert was developed from the hopes and dreams of Polish immigrants in the Elizabeth area. Longing for a place of worship that would serve the needs of Polish-speaking Americans, the original members each contributed their own money to purchase land and construct the church. As it prepares for its centennial celebration, we look

back and honor the innumerable contributions that St. Adalbert has made to the Elizabeth community. Though the building was constructed in just one year, this parish has spent the last century providing strong spiritual support for its members.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring St. Adalbert Roman Catholic Church for 100 years of religious commitment and excellence in serving the people of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE WARREN "CLIP" SMITH

##### HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to the late Warren "Clip" Smith, a veteran broadcast personality and civic leader who touched the lives of thousands through his career and work in the Western New York community. The life-long Lockport resident is fondly remembered by thousands following his unexpected passing on August 21, 2004.

From the 1960s on, the "Clipper," as he was commonly referred, was a respected name in the radio and television industry, earning a reputation for his strong opinions, as well as his quick wit and one-liner quips. His career began as Operations Manager and Director of News and Sports for WUSJ Radio, now known as WLVL in Lockport. He went on to serve as anchor, reporter and sports play-by-play announcer with WKBW-TV Channel 7 in Buffalo, New York, from 1971 to 1989, later working as a reporter and talk show host with WGR Radio in Buffalo from 1991 to 1995. Clip was also a widely recognized commentator and reporter with WBEN Radio in Buffalo. Finally, from 1990 until the time of his death, Clip served as anchor, reporter and in public relations for the Empire Sports Network in Buffalo.

The multi-talented Clipper also was a musician. He was a member of the Lockport Federation of Musicians and a professional member of the American Federation of Musicians; Clip was a concert soloist on the trombone, euphonium, tuba and string bass.

But above all else, Clip will be remembered for the active civic role he played, always ready to take up the citizens' cause on a variety of issues. Clip served on a local board of education from 2003-2004, was active with Lockport Rotary Club, Literacy Volunteers, Buffalo City Mission, New York State Recycling Congress, and the Niagara County Republican Committee. He also was a member of several local unions.

Western New Yorkers will always remember Clip as a respected community leader and a dear friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in honoring the late Warren "Clip" Smith, and recognize his years of service to the community and broadcast industry.